

## James Jackson to Andrew Jackson, July 24, 1822, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### JAMES JACKSON TO JACKSON.

Forks of Cypress, near Florence, Ala., July 24, 1822.

*Dear Genl.* I duely recd. yours of 27th ulto. and would much sooner have written you, but my new business added to my other conserns has pestered me much, and perhaps leaves every thing badly done. of all the business I ever was engaged in, being a Candidate is the most disgusting. most of those who wishes a man to become a Candidate, think they have done him a great favour—every scrub in the Country considers himself entitled to take what liberty He pleases and those opposed will manufacture little insignificant stories, unworthy of notice but still calculated to have an injurious effect. A man who is determined to be a successful Candidate, must be all things to all men, never express his opinion freely and learn the nack of geting round every subject that presents itself. The popular opinion, no matter how wrong, is not to be met by a candidate. There is so much in this business to disgust and so little that gratifies that I think my first effort will be my least [ sic ] and to mend the matter, there is some probability that I'll either be beaten by or associated with a Hog Thief. I still think I'll be Elected, should that be the case and I find Mr. King<sup>1</sup> to be the man He has been represented to you, He'll not visit Washington

<sup>1</sup> William R. King was senator from Alabama 1819–1844, 1848–1853.

City as Senetor with my consent, If better can be done. I have not yet had any posative information of my Negroes, but am inclined to the opinion that they aimed for Nashville. I

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wrote Mr. Thomas Martin to have one hundred Copies of my advertisement stricken off and forwarded from Nashville in every direction. . . .